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## The 1965 Annual Meeting

The 18th Annual Meeting of QCWA was held on October 29, 1965 at the Shelbourne Hotel in New York City. President Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, conducted this annual affair which was attended by 140 members. The following is a summary of the reports presented and actions taken:

### President's Report

1. Chapter certificates were printed and issued to all existing 24 QCWA Chapters.
2. The 1966 QCWA QSO Party will be sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter [see other page].
3. The list of 40 members who had joined "Silent Keys" since the 1964 Annual Meeting was read. Everyone stood in silence for one minute in commemoration.
4. Comments are received from time to time why directors and officers should not be chosen from members living in other than the 2nd call area. The only basic reason has been the item of financing traveling expenses to meetings. Some chapters have indicated that they have members who would be willing to pay their own expenses to serve on the board. While this might be done in some cases, it is not very equitable overall. The board will restudy the matter of overall representation and as in the past will request comments from the chapters, but it would seem that if board representation is proportionally distributed by membership in the call areas and these representatives are furnished traveling expenses to meetings, it will probably be necessary to increase dues to about 5 dollars per year.
5. Our financial position is in good shape so far this year, but we will be faced with an outlay of about \$3000 to get out the new membership roster to each member.

### Treasurer's Report

Fred W. Huff, W2AMB made the following report for the period January 1-September 30, 1965:

1. Receipts including dues from 273 new members and 1,192 regular members; sale of 317 lapel pins, and miscellaneous QCWA stamps and cuts \$10,615.55

2. Expenditures including printing, postage, stock of lapel pins; expenses of Executive Secretary and the Treasurer; publicity costs, fees and News Letter	\$ 5,490.93
3. Balance	\$ 5,116.62
4. Bank balance as of January 1, 1965	1,973.69
5. Balance as of September 30, 1965	\$ 7,090.31

### Executive Secretary's Report

The following details as of October 1, 1965 were submitted by A.J. Gironda, W2JE:

1. Last assigned membership number as of September 30, 1965	4,690
2. Dropped or resigned since 1947	852
3. "Silent Keys" [including 4 Life Members]	273
4. Membership as of Oct. 1, 1965 including 313 Life Members	3,565

### Recording Secretary's Report

David Talley, W2PF, stated that the Board of Directors had held two meetings during 1965. Three QCWA News Letters have been issued in 1965, and the next issue is planned for mailing in January, 1966. It is anticipated that these News Letters will be kept within the budgetary objective of \$1,200.

### Fifty-Year Awards

During 1965, 43 additional QCWA members received their Award certificates for 50 years of licensed Amateur Radio Service. A total of 125 Fifty-Year Awards have been presented to date. The following 17 members were presented by W2MM with their Award certificates at this Annual Meeting: W1VP, W2AEC, W2AMB, K2ET, W2FWZ, W2FX, K2HW, W2MM, W2RWQ, W2SVR, W2WI, W2ZI, W3AI, W3OR, W3SQ, W4VG, and W6FI.

### Election Results

The Executive Secretary, W2JE, assisted by W2FAR and W2JPX as Tellors, reported the following results of the ballots cast for National Officers and Directors for the 1966-1967 term:

For President	Earl R. Thomas, W2MM	1,659
For Vice President	Clarence Seid, W2KW	1,651
For Executive Secretary	A.J. Gironda, W2JE	1,658
For Treasurer	Fred W. Huff, W2AMB	1,661
For Recording Secretary	David Talley, W2PF	1,656
For 5 Directors	George W. Bailey, W2KH	1,635
	Arthur L. Greenberg, W2CYK	1,599
	T.A. McCann, K2CM	1,628
	J.A. Stobbe, W2WZ	1,615
	Dr. A.L. Walsh, W2BW	1,619
	W7OS	30
	K7RUR	5
	W6HS	4
	W3RE, W6PIF, W6RT	3 each
	K7AN, K7UGA, WBCAN	2 each
	In addition, 56 other members each received one vote.	



### Summation of Ballots by Call Sign Areas

1	136	6	277	KL7	6
2	395	7	149	KH6	5
3	178	8	208	KG6	1
4	111	9	91	KP4	2
5	71	Ø	79	Foreign	6
Total Votes Cast - 1,715					

At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Stu Meyer, W2GHK, gave a very interesting talk on his DX-pedition travels, illustrated by many fine colored slides of foreign ham stations in various countries. The meeting was formally adjourned around 10 pm, but many eye-ball QSO's continued until far into the night.

### Amateur Extra Class Licenses

All members who have an Amateur Extra Class license were asked, in the last News Letter, to write the words "Amateur Extra Class" and its date of issue on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope containing the ballot. A tabulation made by the Recording Secretary shows that 211 members who returned their ballots have Extra Class licenses, this represents about 13 per cent of the members voting. The breakdown by call sign areas is as follows:

1	19	5	4	9	7
2	57	6	42	Ø	12
3	24	7	16	KP4	1
4	10	8	18	KL7	1
Total - 211					

### 1966 QCWA QSO Party

The Oklahoma Chapter is sponsoring the 1966 QSO Party. The details are: QSO Party Period Starts 2200 GMT [5 pm EST] Friday, February 18, 1966 to 2200 GMT [5 pm EST] Sunday, February 20, 1966. Objectives QCWA members to work as many other QCWA members as possible, using all amateur radio bands and all authorized forms of emissions. Non-QCWA members also may be worked but such contacts will not count in the scores. Exchanges Member stations should exchange their contact number, QCWA membership number, name and, if so desired, signal report and city and state location. Scoring One point is earned by each station exchanging reports with another QCWA member station. Repeat contacts on the same or any other amateur band do not count for additional points. Reporting Send extracts of your log showing [1] date and time in GMT, [2] contact number, [3] station worked, [4] QCWA membership number, and [5] band used, before March 7, 1966 to Mr. Oren Gambill, W5WI, 3710 East 36th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135.

### Executive Secretary Notes

Gold QCWA stamps for use only by Life Members are now available from W2JE. The cost is \$1.50 for 500 or \$3.00 for 1,000. All Chapter Chairmen should have received the Charter Certificate for their respective Chapters. Please acknowledge its receipt to W2JE. Incidentally, the Charter Certificate should be transferred to the new Chairman at each installation of Chapter officers. Old QCWA application blanks on hand [those not listing \$5 for 3 years' dues in advance] should be destroyed. Gus will send you a supply of new ones upon request. If you will become eligible for the Fifty

Years in Amateur Radio Award in 1966 [that is, you originally were issued an Amateur Radio Station license in 1916 or before], send your request together with all supporting documents to W2JE before September 1, 1966 for necessary processing. W2JE will be visiting his family in Los Alamitos, California around December 15, 1965 and stopping off in Phoenix on his return to visit the Arizona Chapter. Gus plans to visit the QCWA Chapters in California during his stay on the west coast. If you have not done so previously, please advise Gus of your zip code number or your new address at once because work soon will start on the 1966-1967 QCWA Year Book.

#### New Chapters

Two new Chapters recently were organized and one is in the process. The Indiana Chapter was formed in Fort Wayne, Indiana with Arthur L. Braun, W9TE, as Chairman and C.W. Kronmiller, W9UC, as Secretary-Treasurer. The Houston, Texas Chapter, likewise, was organized last month. Harold A. Sears, K5JLQ is the Chairman and Ted R. Heyck, W5HZ, is the Secretary. This Chapter has 18 members at present. We hope that they soon will attain 50 or more members so that they may receive their QCWA banner. A new West Coast Florida Chapter is in the formation stage due to the untiring efforts of Bob David, W4YK. He initiated an "over-the-air" meeting on 3990 kc on October 31, and over 20 QCWA members responded including W4BHX, W4BIN, WA4FTU, WA4SMJ, K4KDN, K4UF, K4EK, W4FP, W4NIR, and K4AJ, who are serving on the Membership Committee. The proposed boundaries of this Chapter are Tarpon Springs on the north, Lakeland on the east, and Sarasota on the south. Likewise, Curly, W5NZ, and Roy, W5RU, are actively engaged in the organization work for a New Orleans, Louisiana Chapter.

#### Chapter News

Arizona Chapter - The Chapter's annual dinner meeting was held on November 20, 1965 at the Desert Sun Restaurant in Phoenix with 59 members and guests attending, a very fine turn-out. The Chapter's most distinguished member, Barry Goldwater, K7UGA/K3UIG, was present and gave a most interesting discussion on the early days of radio in Arizona and his own participation in them. Several members brought old time wireless gear for display, including a Signal Corps crystal set of 1917, a Kennedy 110 receiver, an Atwater Kent receiver of 1922, and various tubes dating to 1919. The new officers were introduced and installed. They are, Foy Pickett, W7GON, Chairman; Henry Hudson, W7QNC, Vice Chairman; Howard Turnidee, K7RFG, Secretary/Treasurer.

Baltimore Chapter - The fall meeting was held October 9, 1965 at Patapsco State Park with 16 members attending for the excellent fried chicken and other goodies. The 28,650 kc frequency will be used by the Chapter as a local QCWA Net each Monday evening at 9 pm EST. The Chapter is working hard to get 50 members so that it can obtain its QCWA banner.

Southern California Chapter - New Chapter officers elected at the Fall Dinner-Meeting held on October 16 at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club in Los Angeles are: Harry B. Manning, WA6AYF, Chairman; Thomas J. Cunningham, W6PIF, Vice Chairman; Ralph Cabanillas, K6GIL, Secretary-Treasurer, and Vance Phillips, W6GH, Chapter Historian. Monthly Bulletins are issued to members through the hard work of Tom, W6PIF, who also doubles as its editor. With about 350 members, it is the largest QCWA Chapter.





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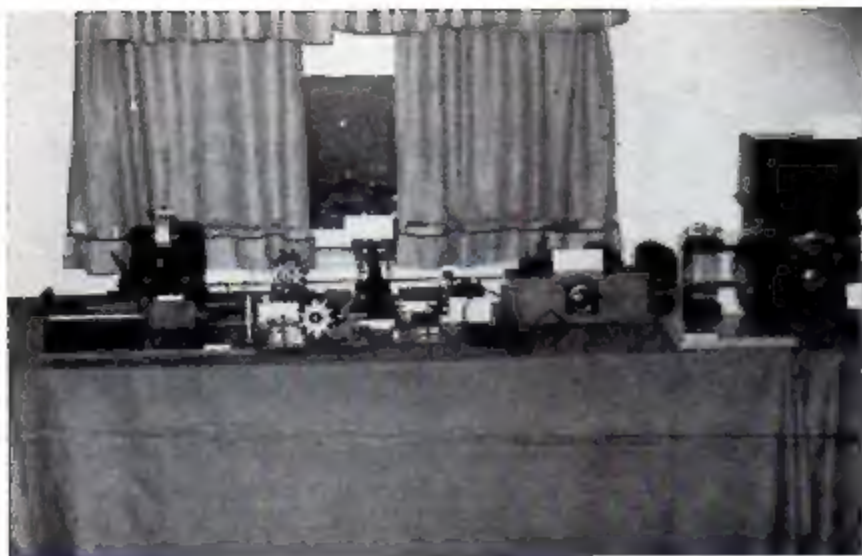
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GUS, W2JE with OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
Members, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
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Antique Wireless display of Oklahoma  
Chapter by W5WI 1965



At Hamvention Dayton Ohio 1965  
K2CM W3ZF W2JE and K8UZ



W5HUI and W5WI Antique Display, Oklahoma City ARRL  
Convention 11 July 1965



Canton, Ohio Chapter - The Fall dinner-meeting is now scheduled for November 13 at Padulas Restaurant in Massillon, Ohio. Chapter officers will be elected for next year. Members meet on-the-air every Sunday evening at 9 pm EST on 28,750 kc. Membership has almost reached the 50 mark so this Chapter soon should be displaying its QCWA banner.

Cleveland, Ohio Chapter - The Fall meeting held on November 20 was very successful with 76 attending. The following new Chapter officers were elected: Harry Caskey, W8LEX, Chairman; Bill Hall W8AZU, Vice Chairman; Paul Cornell, W8EFW, Secretary. The 1966 Spring meeting has been scheduled for May 14, 1966.

Northwest Chapter - The Chapter's summer meeting at Lake Shore Inn near Seattle, Washington on June 12-13, 1965 was a huge success, with 135 attending. Many members and their families took a sightseeing cruise through Lake Washington Ship Canal. W7ADT showed about 400 colored slides of his world travels. New Chapter officers for next year are: Horace Doe, W7AC, Chairman; William Gilbert, W7QA, Vice Chairman; Harold Johnson, W7PN, Secretary. Doc Spike, W7OS, was congratulated by all present for his 50 Years in Amateur Radio. It was decided to hold the 1966 meeting in Portland, Oregon. The Chapter was saddened by the passing of Gene West, KL7BW, in Anchorage, Alaska on September 17, 1965. The Northwest Chapter Net meets every Sunday afternoon on 3655 kc CW and 3950 kc on SSB and AM.

Upper Midwest Chapter - The third Chapter meeting this year was held on October 14. Guest speaker was Charles Compton, W0BUO, Director of ARRL Dakota Division. Ray, W0PKO/6, showed slides of his new QTH on the west coast. Joe Pavak, W0OEP, exhibited his fine collection of ancient radio equipment and literature.

Washington, D.C. Chapter - Election of Chapter officers will take place at the December 15 meeting. Plans are being made for a big affair on February 5, 1966 to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Chapter.

West Gulf Chapter - Chapter Net meets every Sunday morning at 1430 GMT on 3993 kc [phone] and at 1500 GMT on 7240 kc [CW]. W5WR is NCS and W5FU is Alternate NCS.

#### Miscellaneous

Frank Jacobs, W2BSL/6 is now in Sacramento, California and hopes to be on the air soon. W6JXF is recovering from a recent operation. John Trent, KL7DG, is teaching ham radio at the Anchorage Community Center in his spare time. Harry Houck who was 3AHK in 1915 is now WB2KEE. G. Craiu, Y03RF, is one of our newest foreign members. Earl Monath, W3OER, collects used call books for foreign DX stations. Send him a card if you have some call books and he will send you the name and address of the DX station.

SILENT KEYS

The following members have joined SILENT KEYS since the publication of the September, 1965 issue of the News Letter:

W10J - John F. Lamont  
W1RSD - Winfield W. Knight  
W2HII - Bill Dailey  
W2HNY - Madison P. Rehm  
W2HOI - Irving Millstein  
W2IT - Kenneth F. Crombie  
K4GG - Earl W. Dannaie

W6DHV - Mae E. Amarantes  
W6GK - George G. Glade  
W6IKK - Charles R. Parmenter  
K6IS - Walter A. Koerber  
W8JUJ - Harold J. Fausnaugh  
KL7BW - Gene A. West  
VE7JF - Richard M. Balfe

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